

1 THE HONORABLE JOHN C. COUGHENOUR
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7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
8 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
9 AT SEATTLE

10 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

11 Plaintiff,

12 v.

13 KALVINN GARCIA,

14 Defendant.

CASE NO. CR21-0012-JCC

ORDER

15 This matter comes before the Court on Defendant's motion to seal his sentencing
16 memorandum and the exhibits to it (Dkt. No. 62). While the public has a common law right to
17 inspect and copy public records, including those from judicial proceedings, these rights are not
18 absolute. They must yield when (1) sealing a document serves a compelling interest, (2) that is
19 substantially likely to be harmed if the document is not sealed, and (3) there are no less
20 restrictive alternatives for protecting the interest. *See United States v. Doe*, 870 F.3d 991, 998
21 (9th Cir. 2017). Given the nature of the medical information contained in the memorandum and
22 the exhibits at issue, these criteria are met here. Accordingly, Defendant's motion to seal (Dkt.
23 No. 62) is GRANTED and the Clerk is DIRECTED to maintain Docket Number 63 and its
24 exhibits under seal.

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1 DATED this 19th day of October 2023.
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7 John C. Coughenour
8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE
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